

January 4, 1917.

Hon. John A. Mead,  
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

Mr. Rogers has submitted his final account on the chapel showing a balance due of \$7041.81. Mr. Fletcher informs me that to make up your gift of \$60,000 and \$1031 extra for the marble pilasters, we should receive from you \$5391.79. He tells me that he wrote you a letter and enclosed a statement in September. If any matters are not clear or we should give you any further information, please let us know. According to our accounts the total cost of the chapel, including this bill of Mr. Rogers' and \$500 still due Calhoun, is \$66,758.06. This includes the organ, but not the chimes.

I was very glad to receive your encouraging letter and to know that you approve my report so heartily. I expect to send it out next week. If you are in New York at anytime before the meeting I wish you might have a conference with Mr. Hepburn. If only some way could be devised to get something started, perhaps in the form of a conditional gift, either toward the endowment needed or the new proposed Vermont Hall, I believe things would go right along. Heretofore when we have had an offer of such an amount as \$50,000 provided we could raise \$150,000 from other sources, we have managed to find a good many contributors.

I note your suggestion as to Doctor Walker. He feels very kindly toward us and has send us generous contributions from time to time. I should be very glad if he could be interested in an annuity from the college.

I note that you are taking up the matter of a member of our Board of Visitors with Governor Graham. I shall be very interested in the result.

Faithfully yours,